Allocation for housing development and urban poverty alleviation

3872. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted for housing development and the number of houses that were built in 2006-07 in the country; and

(b) the amount allotted under urban poverty alleviation and the number of people benefited under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) component of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), during the year 2006-07, the total Central share approved for the 151 projects, which include housing development as well as infrastructure projects, was Rs. 4435.93 Crore. Out of this amount the funds released by the Ministry of Finance was Rs. 901.77 Crore. The total number of dwelling units covered in these projects was 435564.

Similarly, Under the Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) component of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Mission (JNNURM), for the cities other than the Mission cities, during the year 2006-07, the total Central share approved for the 194 projects, which include housing development as well as infrastructure projects, was Rs. 1404.57 Crore. Out of this amount the funds released by the Ministry of Finance was Rs. 492.61 Crore. The total number of dwelling units covered in these projects was 143557.

The Central funds released to the States/Union Territories (UTs) during 2006-07 under the urban poverty alleviation scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation since 1.12.1997, were Rs. 248.68 crore. The beneficiaries under the Scheme during 2006-07, as reported by the States/UTs through Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs), are as under:

Number of urban poor assisted to set up individual/group micro-enterprises	—	56357
Number of urban poor imparted skill training	—	73203

Number of Mandays of work generated under wage employment	—	26.95 Lakhs

Under the Scheme of "projects under 10% lumpsum provision for the North Eastern Region including Sikkim", under which projects related to housing (predominantly for the urban poor), slum development and poverty alleviation are executed in the North Eastern States including Sikkim, during 2006-07, Rs. 50 crore were released to various executing agencies for new/ongoing projects. However, as the scheme targets for overall development of the region, the exact number of beneficiaries under the scheme can not be quantified.

Under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), during 2006-07, Rs. 10.69 Crore were released to the executing agencies for various ongoing projects. Total number of dwelling units and toilets covered under these projects were 21511 and 249 respectively.

Manual scavenging

3873. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that manual scavenging still persists in the country despite earlier target fixed by the Central Government upto 31st March, 2007 as scavengers free country;

(b) if so, Government's views and reaction thereto;

(c) the main problems for non-implementation of Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme (ILCS) by the State Governments;

(d) whether it is also a fact that fund allocated by his Ministry to the State Governments were unspent;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government are considering to revive ILCS scheme for successful implementation in various parts of the country by making it more transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Water